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Ms. Shoshana Grove
Secretary of the Commission
Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268-0001

Re: Application for Suspension of Final Determination to Close the Francitas, TX Post Office

Dear Ms. Grove:

I, Carolina Jalufka, Petitioner in Docket No# A2013-4, apply for suspension of the Final Determination to close the Francitas post office pending the outcome of the appeal with the Postal Regulatory Commission.

I filed a Petition for Review of the Final Determination to close the Francitas post office located at 66 Ave L & Bryan St., Francitas, TX 77961. The Francitas post office is scheduled to close on March 26, 2013. In connection with the Petition, I submit this application for suspension of the closure of the Francitas post office pending the outcome of this appeal, as allowed under 39 CFR 3025.30. I would have filed my application for suspension with my Petition for Review, but I did not receive notice of the closure until March 11, 2013.

The reason for the suspension is that Postal Service is not following the law and its regulations. 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(4) states that "the Postal Service shall take no action to close or consolidate a post office until 60 days after its written determination is made available to persons served by such post office." The Postal Service posted the Final Determination on February 22, 2013. Under the law, it may not close the Francitas post office until April 23, 2013. However, the Francitas post office is scheduled to close on March 26, 2013, well before the 60-day period expires.

In addition, a suspension of the closure pending this appeal is necessary to prevent a disruption of mail service to the community. The Final Determination states that after the post office is closed, "service will be provided to cluster box units (CBUs)" or "via rural route service". However, as of March 26, 2013, the cluster boxes have not yet been installed and rural route service has been denied. The Francitas post office should not be closed until the Postal Service can provide adequate service to the community.

Attachment A is the Final Determination to Close the Francitas, TX Post Office and Continue to Provide Service by Rural Route Service. Attachment B is the newspaper notice stating that the Francitas post office will close on March 26, 2013.

Sincerely,
Carolina Jalufka